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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT MORG PO
SUBJ: TRANSFER OF PIRES VELOSO

REF: A)OPORTO 0329
B) LISBON 8623

1. FAREWELL MESSAGE: OPORTO RADIO CARRIED TODAY A FAREWELL
SPEECH BY NORTHERN MILITARY REGION (RMN) COMMANDER VELOSO
DIRECTED TO THE PEOPLE, CLERGY AND MILITARY IN NORTHERN PORTUGAL.
IN FATHER-FIGURE FASHION, VELOSO THANKED THE NORTHERNERS
FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT DURING THE DIFFICULT PAST TWO YEARS.
HE EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE WITH A TRACE OF SENTIMENT THAT RMN
MILITARY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE VIGILENT AND CONDUCT THEMSELVES
IN THE BEST TRADITIONS. FULL TEXT OF SPEECH WILL BE AIRPOUCHED
WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT: VELOSO'S REMARKS SHOULD EASE THE LOCAL POLITICAL/
MILITARY SITUATION BUT STILL LEAVE MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.
THE SPEECH FOLLOWS A LENGTHY MEETING LAST NIGHT AT RMN HEAD-
QUARTERS BETWEEN VELOSO AND HIS PRINCIPAL OFFICERS. VELOSO'S
COMMON SENSE AND DEDICATION TO DISCIPLINE APPEAR TO HAVE
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PREVAILED OVER HIS EMOTIONS. HE IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE
SHORTLY ON REPORT TO LISBON INFANTRY COMMAND WHERE HE'LL
BIDE HIS TIME UNTIL HIS MILITARY COURSE BEGINS IN JANUARY.

3. CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON: THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE UNREST
IN THE NORTH OVER THE VELOSO TRANSFER. RALLY ORGANIZED BY
FORMER OPORTO COMMITTEE TO ELECT EANES (MINUS PS MEMBERS) IS

SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 19 IN HONOR OF VELOSO. THE DEMONSTRATION
COULD ASSUME MAMMOTH PROPORTIONS. THERE ARE ALSO RUMBLES
FROM THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC LEFT. OPORTO PCP-DOMINATED TRADE
UNION COORDINATING COUNCIL IS REPORTEDLY CONSULTING RESPECTIVE
TRADE UNIONS WHETHER TO HOLD "ANTI-FASCIST" MARCH NOV. 18.
LOCAL COMMUNISTS ARE BLAMING "FASCIST FORCES" BEHIND NOV. 5
RALLY (REFTEL A) FOR ALSO BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MOLOTOV COCKTAIL
BOMBING OF SOVIET 69TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT SEVERAL DAYS LATER
IN COIMBRA. PENNER

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